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- Amendment and Response to Office Action Mailed March 4, 2004; and
- First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including PTO Form 1449 and a copy of the cited references.

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The fee calculation for the claims as amended are as follows:

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No fees are believed to be due at this time in connection with the Amendment and Response. Authorization for payment of fees due in connection with the First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is provided in the First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. To the extent that any further fees, whatsoever, are required at any time during prosecution of this application, including petition and extension fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees, including any under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 23-3189 and reference Attorney Docket No. 82274.91. Please credit any overpayments to this same Deposit Account.

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
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Sir:

The Office Action mailed March 4, 2004 established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond. Applicants submit that this Amendment and Response is timely filed, and

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respectfully request entry of all amendments set forth herein  
and consideration of the remarks provided below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3; **Remarks** begin on  
page 13; and the **Conclusion** begins on page 16 of this paper.